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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) (37 C.F.R. 1.114)

1. Applicant hereby requests continued examination, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. Section 1.114, for the above identified application.

WARNING:

35 U.S.C. 132(b) and Section 1.114 provide for the continued examination of an application and not examination of a continuing application). Accordingly, the Office will not permit an applicant to obtain continued examination on the basis of claims that are independent and distinct from the claims previously claimed and examined. Notice of March 10, 2000, 65 Fed Reg 14865, at 14868.

WARNING:

A continued examination request cannot be made if at least one office action under 35 U.S.C. 132 or a notice of allowance under 35 U.S.C. 161 has not been mailed. The provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.114 also do not

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apply (1) to a provisional application, an application for a utility or plant patent filed under 35 U.S.C. 111(a); (2) an international application filed under 35 U.S.C. 363 before June 8, 1995; (3) a patent under reexamination; or (4) an application for a design patent. 37 C.F.R. Section 1.114(d).

NOTE: There is no limit to the number of times the fee for continued examination may be submitted. Notice of March 10, 2000, 65 Fed Reg 14865, at 14868.

NOTE: Unlike a continuation application, a continued examination request **can** utilize the mailing procedure of 37 C.F.R. L.8. See 37 C.F.R. Section 1.8(a)(2)(i)(A).

TIME REQUEST IS BEING MADE

| 2. Th | is reques | st is bein | g submitted (check appropriate item(s) below): | | | |
|----------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| | i. | [X] | Prior to abandonment of the application | | | |
| | ii. | [] | Payment of the issue fee [] Prior to payment of issue fee [] Issue fee has been paid but a petition under Section 1.313 has been granted | | | |
| | iii. | [] | Prior to a decision on appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals & Interferences [] A notice is being separately sent to the Board of Patent Appeals & Interferences that this Request for Continued Examination is being filed. | | | |
| NOTE: | OTE: If such a notice is not sent to the Board, they may refuse to vacate a decision rendered after the filing of the RCE before recognition by the Office of the RCE request under Section 1.114. | | | | | |
| | iv. | [] | Appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals of the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. 145 or []Commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. 146 [] Prior to the filing of such appeal or commencement of civil action [] Such appeal or commencement of civil action has been terminated | | | |
| | | | ENCLOSURES | | | |
| 3. En | closed h | erewith i | is/are: | | | |
| WARNING: | | If reply to a final or non-final Office action under 35 U.S.C. 132 is outstanding, the submission must meet the reply requirements of Section 1.111. 37 C.F.R. Section 1.114(b). | | | | |
| | [] An information disclosure (37 C.F.R. Section 1.98) — Supplemental [] Form PTO-1449 (PTO/SB/08A and 08B) | | | | | |
| | [X] | A Preli | minary Amendment | | | |
| | [] | New ar | guments | | | |
| | [] | New ev | vidence in support of patentability | | | |

| 1 | l Other | |
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| | Outer | |

FEE FOR REQUEST (37 C.F.R. Section 1.17(e)).

4. This application is on behalf of:

[] Small entity (and status is still as small entity) \$ 370.00

[X] Other than a small entity \$740.00

Continued Prosecution Request Fee \$740.00

FEE FOR CLAIMS

NOTE: "The fee for continued examination under Section 1.114 (Section 1.17(e)) does not include additional claims fee (cf. 1.53 (d)(3)(ii))." See Notice of March 10, 2000, 65 Fed Reg 14865, at 14868.

37 C.F.R. 1.53(d)(3): "The filing fee for a continued prosecution application filed under this paragraph is:

- (i) The basic filing fee as set forth in Section 1.16; and
- (ii) Any additional Section 1.16 fee due based on the number of claims remaining in the application after entry of any amendment accompanying the request for an application under this paragraph and entry of any amendments under Section 1.116 unentered in the prior application which applicant has requested to be entered in the continued prosecution application."
- 5. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. Section 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

| | (Col.1) | | (Col. 2) | (Col. 3): | SMALL ENT | ITY | SM | OTHER 1 1ALL ENTI | |
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| \ <u></u> | Claims | | | | | | | | |
| | Remainin | ng | Highest No. | | | | | | |
| | After | | Previously | Present | Addit. | | | | Addit. |
| | Amendme | ent | Paid For | Extra | Rate | Fee | OR | Rate | Fee |
| Total | 17 | Minus | ** | <u></u> | x \$9 = | S | | x \$18 = | \$ |
| Indep. | 2 | Minus | *** | = | x \$42 = | \$ | | x \$84 = | \$ |
| [] Firs | t Presentati | on of Mu | ltiple Depende | nt Claim | + \$140 = | S | | + \$280 = | \$ |
| | | | Total Addit. Fee | | \$ | OR | Total Addit . Fee | \$ | |

| * ** *** | If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3, If the "Highest No. Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20, enter "20". If the "Highest No. Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 3, enter "3". The "Highest No. Previously Paid For" (Total or Indep.) is the highest number found in the appropriate box in Col. 1 of a prior amendment or the number of claims originally filed. | | | | | | |
|----------------|---|--------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|---|-------|
| WAR | RNING: | See 37 | C.F.R. Section | 1.116. | | | |
| | | | | (complete (c) or (d), as a | pplicable) | | |
| | (c) | [X] | No additio | onal fee is required. | | | |
| | | | | OR | | | |
| | (d) | [] | Total addi | tional fee required is \$ | | | |
| | | | | EXTENSION OF T | гіме | | |
| | | (If an | extension of | time is appropriate comp | lete (a) or (b) | as applicable) | |
| 6. appl | - | edings h | erein are for | a patent application, and | the provisions | of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.136(a) | |
| | (a) | [] | | - | | ees for which are set out in 37 r of months checked below: | |
| | | nsion fo onths) | | Fee for othe small entity | er than | Fee for small entity | |
| | one monthtwo monthsthree monthsfour months | | | \$ 55 \$ 200 \$ 460 \$ 980 | | \$ 110 \$ 400 \$ 920 \$1,960 | |
| | | | | | Fee | \$ | |
| | If an a | dditiona | al extension o | of time is required, please | consider this | a petition therefor. | |
| | | | (check | cand complete the next it | em, if applicat | ble) | |
| | | [] | therefor of | | | en secured, and the fee paid tal fee due for the total months | |
| | | | | Extension fee due v | vith this reque | st \$ | |
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OR

| (b) | [X] | Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, this is a |
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| | | conditional petition and authorization to pay the necessary fees to provide for the |
| | | possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and |
| | | fee for extension of time. |

TOTAL FEE(S) DUE

| WARNI | 'NG: | The fee for continued examination under Section 1. | 114 may not be deferred | 37 C.F.R. Section 1.53(f). |
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| 7. Th | e total fe | ee(s) due is/are: | | |
| | Contin | ued Prosecution Fee (Section 1.17(e)) | | \$ 740.00 |
| | Fee(s) | for additional claims (if any) (Section 1.16) | (b)-(d)) | \$ |
| | Extens | (4)) | \$ | |
| | | Т | otal Fee(s) Due: | \$ 740.00 |
| | | PAYMENT OF FE | E(S) DUE | |
| 8. Ple | ease pay | the fee(s) for this continued examination ap | oplication as follows: | |
| | [] | Check is attached for the sum of | \$ | |
| | [X] | Charge Account 05-0275 the sum of | \$ 740. | 00 |
| | [] | Charge Credit Card the sum of (Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) a | \$ | |
| Section | | charge any required additional fee(s) for Se (1)-(4) to | ection 1.17(e), Section | 1.16(b)-(d) and/or |
| | [] | Account | | |
| | [] | Credit Card (Credit Card Payment Form (| PTO-2038) attached.) | |

INVENTORSHIP

NOTE: Any change of inventors must be via the procedure set forth in 37 C.F.R. Section 1.48. See Notice of March 10, 2000. 65 Fed Reg 14865, at 14868.

9. This application as amended names as inventors:

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| [X] | the same inventors as previously designated for the claims. | | |
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| [] | <u> </u> | y designated and a statement accompanies this request nes of the person or persons who are not inventors of | |
| [] | a person not named previously as a is/has separately: [] being filed [] been filed | an inventor and a petition under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.48 | |
| | | Signature of practitioner | |
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